

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010***

Present: Selectmen: Rosanne Gilbert, Wes Moore, and Michael Woodworth. Others present included: Chief Reed, Lt. Gould, Tom Dunn, Clay Mitchell, Jed Rumford, Sue McKinnon, and Dan Mortimer.

Call to order: 5:33 by Chairman Gilbert.

Rosanne spoke with Brian Knipstein before the meeting began and it was decided that he will return next week after he has had a chance to investigate the complaint of water draining onto a resident's property.

Tom Dunn of the Local Government Center met with the Selectmen to review new products and available training. He mentioned that there has not been an increase in the dues for the past two years and they are hoping not to have an increase next year.

Chief Reed gave the sick and vacation data to Rosanne as requested. He advised that the Cops Grant is available again this year. Lt. Gould was awarded Officer of the Year by the Exeter Rotarians at a luncheon on May 24th.

The Chief discussed the following:

- The Memorial Day Parade is this coming Saturday, May 29th. This was organized by the Chief and Amy Sununu.
- Friday, June 4th is the bike rodeo at the Home Fashions Outlet parking lot. This was organized by Chief Reed.
- The Chief met with the officials from FEMA regarding the water damage claim of February. Some information is still needed.
- The Chief worked fifteen hours on administrative work to submit the application to FEMA.

Congratulations to Lt. Gould – she received the Officer of the Year Award from the Exeter Rotarians.

Clay Mitchell notified the Selectmen that the PACE program passed. Municipalities will be able to float bonds for energy savings projects. Wes will check with the Local Government Center to see if bond money can be taken in increments instead of the entire bond amount. Clay asked if the Selectmen were ready to go ahead with adopting the mission summary for the Newfields Energy Committee. This was tabled until next week.

Jed Rumford met with the Selectmen as requested and he was thanked for all the things he does for the Town. He puts up and takes down the eagle in front of the Town Hall each spring and summer, takes care of the air conditioning for the Town Office, and various other items. Jed said that no thanks were necessary, he thinks of this as part of his job as a citizen. Again, thank you Jed.

Town Hall rentals were discussed. Jed reported that the restroom door and lock were broken during a recent rental. The Selectmen were aware of this and are taking the appropriate action.

Jed also mentioned that Wendell Sargent, Jr. died. The Board of Selectmen stated that the Town residents are saddened by the death of Wendell. He was a resident of Newfields for 90 years.

Dan Mortimer met with the Selectmen regarding the logs on the Town's right of way. The logger has not returned any of Dan's calls. Wes reported that he spoke with the logger and they have an understanding to resolve the matter. Wes will contact the logger and ask him to have the logs removed by the end of the week.

Michael made a motion to elect to continue dependent health care coverage to the PPACA definition – allow health coverage for dependents up to age 26. Wes seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Don Doane attended a conference for government treasurers. He found the information very helpful and left it for the Selectmen to review.

The property owner who believed he had paid his 2009 taxes when in fact he did not, agreed that he was delinquent and has made a partial payment on the outstanding taxes.

Wes made a motion to accept Ray Buxton's quote to move the marquee in front of the Town Hall to face north and south and for the additional letters needed for the second side. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2010 meeting as amended. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

The following items were signed by the Selectmen:

1. Checks
2. 6 Abatements
3. 1 Abatement denial
4. 3 Notices of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
5. 2 Property Tax Levies (Tax Warrants)

6. The NH Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Agreement was put on hold until next week.
7. Primex Health Insurance Agreement
8. New Hampshire Retirement System correspondence

The Selectmen approved O'Neil Warehouse's request for a sign on Summer Street to direct truckers to the truck route to their building. The Selectmen ask that Brian Knipstein speak with the owner to make sure that the signage is appropriate in size and content. The owner is paying for the sign, not the Town.

The Planning Board nominated William Meserve to be the representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission. The Selectmen accepted the nomination and hereby appoint William Meserve to serve as the Town of Newfields' representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission effective immediately.

Rosanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
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